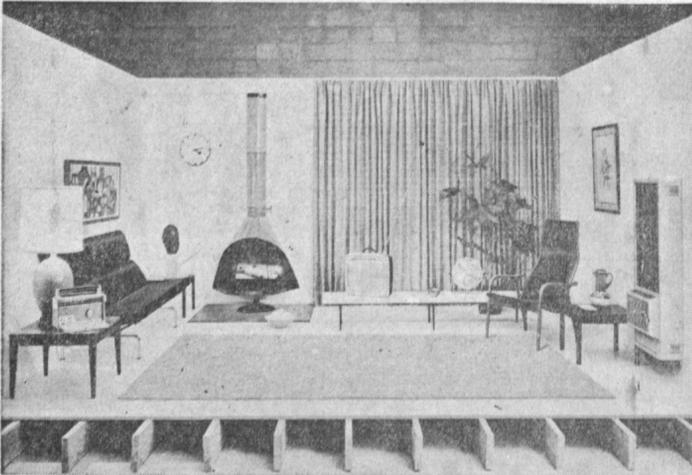


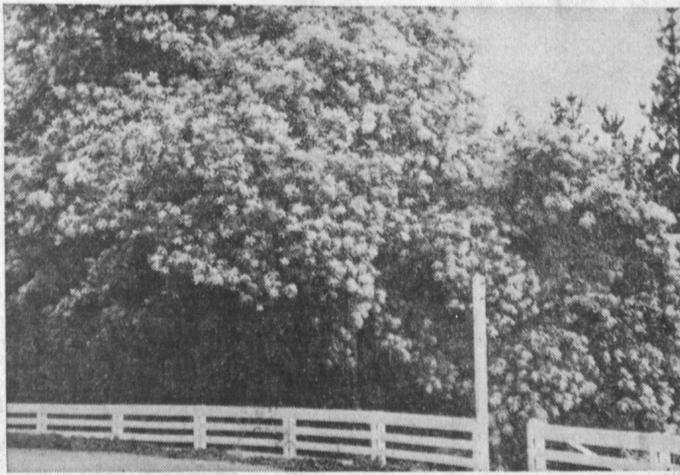


# HOME & GARDENS



**DIRECT CONVERSION** of all appliances in this fully furnished living room enables them to operate on energy provided by a normal home supply of natural gas. Minnesota Mining

& Manufacturing Co. conducted the experiment in its research laboratory. Gas was converted directly into energy with a thermo-electric converter.



**CLOUDS OF YELLOW BLOOMS** fill the air with a special magic when the acacia trees are in bloom in spring. Many believe there is no yellow to compare with the spectacular burst of

bloom of the acacia. In addition of flowers, the acacia also provides shade the rest of the year. Most varieties are fast growing, but can be kept in line with occasional pruning.

## California Trees Bring Both Shade and Blooms

either for shade or for bloom. Here in California there are a large number of trees you can plant for either or both.

Among those are members of the acacia family, whose massed yellow blooms each spring light up certain parts of the state. Of all the yellows in horticulture there is none to compare with acacias in full bloom. Other yellow-flowering shrubs and trees are paled by the acacia's brilliance or dwarfed by its size.

The best acacia for both flower and shade is the Bailey Acacia, a tree no more than 30 feet in height with good spread and attractive, fernlike foliage. Its bloom in late winter and early spring is spectacular. You can see it a mile away, even on dull, cloudy days. Bailey Acacia is fast growing, and by the use of pruning shears can be formed into round good tree.

Not unlike an acacia in foliage is Silk Tree. Which has a fernlike foliage and its summer blooms are lovely silken pink. Its spreading branches make a good tree for sitting under. Still another tree with fernlike foliage is the Jacar-

anda, grown primarily in southern California. Jacaranda is a semi-deciduous tree, shedding its old leaves in late winter, just before the new crop starts to break out. It is a larger tree than either the Silk Tree or the Bailey Acacia, growing to 50 feet with a full rounded head.

The lavender-blue blooms are often sensational and always eye-catching. Give Jacaranda a protected location, the warmer the better. Bloom is better and foliage is apparently unimpaired when the tree is on the dry side.

From the eucalyptus family come several flowering trees worth planting. Two are especially suitable for the small garden. These are the Red Flowering Gum and Red Iron Bark and both produce bloom in summer. Red Flowering is used in parkway plantings, and is equally good in the garden. Flowers primarily are red.

Red Iron Bark is a more slender tree, more typically eucalyptus in growth. The narrow leaves are pendulous and loosely carried, pink flowers come primarily in summer.

## Exotic Shrubs Give Change of Pace

In gardening, as with anything, it is easy to stick with the familiar and let the new or different be darned.

In many parts of the country you aren't missing much by following this routine, but here in southern California, you are. There are so many exotic and unusual shrubs that you should make a special effort to try them.

One such shrub is the Shrimp Plant — a name which has no connection with the plant's size. This handsome shrub is loaded with bronzy flower bracts which resemble a large shrimp or prawn. The bronze coloring is accentuated by the sun. Don't over-water and certainly don't

overfeed this undemanding shrub.

Another for local gardens is the Princess Flower. A rather sparse shrub and top heavy so that it needs support against strong winds, the Princess Flower bursts into its gorgeous bloom in late summer and fall. The two-inch flowers, which cover the shrub are a vivid deep blue-purple and velvety. They combine with dark, leathery foliage to make an outstanding contribution to the garden.

A third unusual shrub which will catch the eye in bloom is the Pink Powder Puff. Pink Powder Puff makes a handsome, broad shrub at any season and one of the best for espaliers.

## New Officers Take Helm

The Harbor Medical Assistants Associations held its monthly dinner meeting at the Pen and Quill Restaurant, Manhattan Beach, March 19.

Installation of officers will be performed by Dona Lewis, past president.

Incoming officers are: Virginia Frenger, president; Margo Mayer, first vice president; Mae King, second vice president; Mary Lovelady, recording secretary; Bettie Stoeger, corresponding secretary; and Janet Gage, treasurer. Advisors include Marion Baird, M.D., Richard Schaeffer, M.D., and L. C. Westerhout, M.D.

## For Gardeners

Here's an idea for hungry gardeners.

Why not grow your vegetables in special places?

Why hide such handsome vegetables as rhubarb and artichokes?

Grow them in a wide border with other shrubs.

Squash vines make a fast, temporary shade device for a sunny window.

Cherry tomatoes in hanging baskets are decorative and can be harvested without ever leaving the patio.

Subdivision lots in Torrance do not permit large-scale gardens, and busy owners don't have time to care for them, but we've found that many do like to grow one or two favorite vegetables for better flavor or because they are not readily available in markets.

## Gardening Tips For March

Try planting an avocado for shade and fruit. It makes an excellent evergreen shade tree even in areas where the fruit does not set well.

Another planting of ranunculus will extend the bloom of those panted last fall and winter.

Sprouted begonia tubers may be potted up. Make all danger of frost is past before you set them out in the open.

Try dwarf oranges and lemons in tubs on your patio or deck.

Set out bedding plants for late spring and early summer bloom.

## Sink or Swim?

Which new sink for your kitchen? Whether it's a new house or a remodel, that choice can be one of the most important you make.

Before making a selection, it would be wise to think out exactly what you want a sink to do.

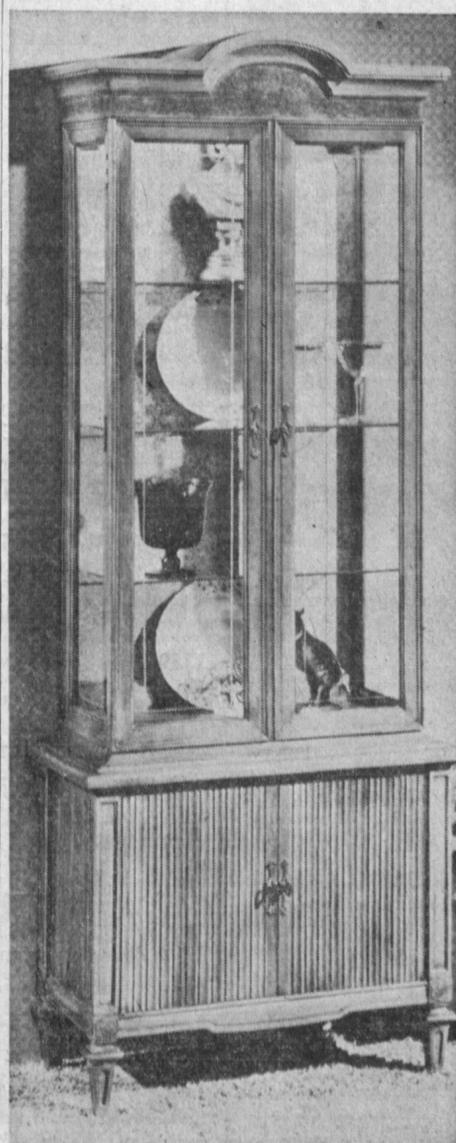
If, for example, you have a work shop or barbecue area close by, perhaps two separate sinks would be most useful.

You may want a shallow sink designed for sit-down jobs, an over-sized bowl to handle large pans, a double sink in the corner to save counter space, or one with drain holes at the rear or corner to give more storage space underneath.



**A FAMILY IN NEED** of extra living space can often find it in an attached garage. Most of the expensive structural work already has been done, so it's simply a matter of closing off the garage door and finishing off the interior. A good illustration of what

can be done with garage space is shown above. The walls are finished in natural wood paneling and the floor is vinyl asbestos tile. A patterned cushion-tone ceiling overhead helps keep noise to a minimum and lends an attractive decorative note to the interior.



**RARE POSSESSIONS** can become the center of interest in any room, if they are housed in such a charming cabinet as the one above. It is called a Viterine by the French, a curio cabinet by we Americans. The delicate lines are enriched by warm tones of butter-nut and accented at the cornice by the soft texture of acacia burl.

## Disaster Spurs Red Cross Workers in Drive for Funds

Torrance Red Cross volunteers were spurred on in their fund campaign efforts last week by reports of extensive Red Cross relief action in behalf of 4,673 families affected by floods in four eastern states.

Bob Lewellen, Torrance fund chairman, quoted a report from American National Red Cross headquarters in Washington, D.C., stating that emergency food, shelter, clothing and medical care were being provided to an average of 2200 persons daily. It is expected that nearly 3000 families would require long-term rehabilitation assistance from Red Cross.

Based on previous relief operations it was estimated that Red Cross would spend close to \$2 billion assisting flood victims.

Chairman Lewellen said, "It is Red Cross' job to assist disaster victims and it is encouraging to know that all relief necessary is being handled properly."

Small business volunteer solicitors are now "in the

field" in Torrance where particular attention has been given to seeking Red Cross support from newcomers.

Chairman of the small business drive is Charles Gots, Torrance restaurant owner for the past 19 years.

Dr. Stanley H. Yanase, handling contributions from Torrance dentists, reports that 25 percent have donated to the Red Cross fund.

Commerce and industry participation in the yearly drive is under direction of Keith H. Pischel, assistant vice president and manager of Pacific State Bank.

## Stained Glass For Homes

Stained glass is now a craft almost anyone can try.

The two basic methods are embedding and applique, and the two plastic-adhesives are polyester for glass on acrylic and epoxy for glass on glass.

The obvious places for stained glass, around the house are at entries, in hallways, stairwells, and other openings that face the street or otherwise require privacy without sacrificing light.

Sometimes a few clear glass panels are included in the pattern to give glimpses of trees or other outdoor views, and in one unusual example a door has a clear pane at floor level so the family watchdog can inspect callers.

**MEXICAN SHELL** —

One of most appealing bulbs available in California is the summer-blooming Tifridia or Mexican Shell Flower. The triangular blooms of this flower are spotted in the center and come in many colors, including shades of red, orange, yellow and white. Gardeners will still find the bulbs this month and should plant them in full sun, about two inches deep.

## Primrose Path Is Colorful

Primroses provide a real splash of spring flower color in western gardens from Canada to Mexico.

By nature, they are woodland plants, but you can grow them in shady spots in your garden.

Primroses like a well-drained sandy loam and need a constant supply of water.

Gardeners with lots of space can enjoy the luxury of planting masses of primroses for big color splashes.

But there's a simple and rewarding pleasure in seeing what you can do with a few plants—or even just one.

Primroses grow well in containers for deck, patio, or entrance gardens.

They are splendid cut flowers.

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